

I would like to nominate Ence Homes for your Air Quality Recognition Program.

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Ence Homes has been actively building homes in southern Utah since 1957 and currently employs 83 full time people. They began a partnership with Energy Star and the EPA in 1999 and made a commitment to build 100% 5-Star energy rated homes. They were the first home builder in the state to participate in this pioneering effort. Every Ence home includes standard features like extra insulation, specially designed windows and high efficiency heating and cooling systems. All homes save about 8700 lbs of green house gases per year. Since the EPA touts that an Energy Star Home saves 15-30% in energy use (which means a 15-30% pollution prevention)- we can safely say that Ence homes follow the same savings percentages. Taking an average of 15 and 30%- and based on savings number I have calculated- a 20% pollution prevention per home would be an accurate estimate. Ence Homes built 486 homes in 2005, so if you take 486 homes x 8700 lbs., that would be 4,228,300 lbs. of greenhouse gases saved. To date, Ence Homes has built 1,790 homes to this standard.

Charitable contributions have been made to the Spinal Cord Foundation, the American Cancer Society, Dixie State College Athletics Programs and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Ence Homes contributes to Habitat for Humanity. Ence Homes has been a member of the NAHB (National association of Home Builders) and SUHBA (Southern Utah Home Builders Association) for 20 years, since September, 1984. Ence Homes participates in the annual International Builder's Show, by sending all managers and supervisors to take classes and bring back procedures that may be implemented into the company. Company members attend Southern Utah Home Builder's Association monthly luncheons and employees are members or past members of the Board. Ence Homes participates in HBA-led community projects such as Doctors' Free Clinic in St. George. Members of the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce for 20 years. Participant in the Parade of Homes each year. Ence Homes has made several land donations to the City of St. George and to SITLA. (State of Utah School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration). Paper to be recycled is picked up by members of the Dixie Advantages Group, an organization that finds jobs for people with disabilities. They have also created a Sterling Silver Scholarship which gives \$10,000 to a deserving student for college upon graduation from high school.